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By Jacqueline Toth

## Week in Review

### International

- For the first time since it first met in 1996, the Arctic Council did not issue a joint declaration of goals due to the United States' refusal to mention "climate change" or the Paris climate agreement in such a document, according to diplomats involved in the talks held between eight Arctic countries. The U.S. subsequently disputed that characterization of its participation.
- In a first, the Justice Department said the United States seized a North Korean carrier ship moving heavy machinery and coal, a power source under U.S. and U.N. sanctions in the push to make the country end its nuclear weapons activities.
- Iran will restart some nuclear activities, following the United States' withdrawal from the international Iranian nuclear deal about a year ago and its subsequent reimposition of sanctions, according to an Iranian state-run news service.

### Oil and gas

- After Occidental Petroleum Corp. sweetened its bid for Anadarko Petroleum Corp., Anadarko said it has a definitive merger agreement with Occidental for the latter to acquire The Woodlands, Texas-based company. The deal is expected to close in the second half of this year.

- Citing a lack of standing by key petitioner Otsego 2000, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia dismissed a petition for review of a May 2018 order issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that limits the agency's analysis of emissions from natural gas projects.

## **Nuclear**

- Exelon Corp. will start a shutdown process for the Three Mile Island nuclear plant June 1 after the company determined it does not see "a path forward for policy changes" ahead of the fuel purchase deadline, according to Exelon Senior Vice President Kathleen Barrón.
- Ahead of appearing at a rally in Washington for the Green New Deal tomorrow, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) said the resolution "leaves the door open on nuclear" so that a conversation about the energy source can take place.

## **Electric vehicles**

- General Motors Co. said it is in talks to sell its shuttered manufacturing plant in Lordstown, Ohio, to battery-electric truck maker Workhouse Group Inc. President Donald Trump celebrated the news ahead of GM's announcement, tweeting that GM intended to invest \$700 million elsewhere in the state.
- The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers trade group is lobbying the Colorado state government against the state adopting California's zero-emission vehicle mandates, arguing in favor of voluntary guidelines.

## **Chemicals and substances**

- California said it will ban chlorpyrifos in six months to two years, citing evidence of serious health impacts in children caused by the pesticide.
- Two internal memos show that senior Environmental Protection Agency officials disregarded dozens of EPA experts that pressed for a full ban on new uses of asbestos, choosing instead to allow potential approval of future uses of the carcinogenic substance, as the agency has permitted as of April.

## What's Ahead

- The House and Senate are in session this week.
- Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) is scheduled to speak at a POLITICO [event](#) on U.S. power infrastructure Wednesday that begins at 8 a.m.
- Sens. Martha McSally (R-Ariz.) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-N.M.) will provide opening remarks at an Energy and Natural Resources [hearing](#) on the Power Marketing Administrations on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

## Events Calendar (All Times Local)

**05/14/2019**

Argus Natural Gas Summit - Monetization Strategies

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Briefing on Digital Instrumentation and Control

DNV GL Energy Executive Forum

Greentech Media Solar Summit 2019

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Hearing on Mineral Security and Related Legislation	10:00 am
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CSIS Global Cooling Prize event	2:00 pm
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Senate Public Lands, Forests and Mining Subcommittee Hearing on lands bills	2:30 pm
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The Wilderness Society Too Wild to Drill Reception	5:00 pm
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**05/15/2019**

Defense Strategies Institute Expeditionary Power and Energy Summit

DNV GL Energy Executive Forum

Greentech Media Solar Summit 2019

POLITICO's Reinventing American Energy: Modernizing U.S. Power Infrastructure for a Clean Energy Future	8:00 am
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Senate Environment and Public Works Hearing on Oversight of the Council on Environmental Quality	10:00 am
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House Ways and Means Hearing on the Economic and Health Consequences of Climate Change	10:00 am
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House Natural Resources Hearing on the Interior Budget and Policy Priorities for FY 2020	10:00 am
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House Science, Space and Technology Hearing on Advancing the Next Generation of Solar and Wind Energy Technologies	10:00 am
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House Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee Hearing on Protecting Americans at Risk of PFAS Contamination and Exposure	10:30 am
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House National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Subcommittee Hearing Examining the Impacts of Climate Change on Public Lands Recreation	2:00 pm
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House Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee Hearing on the Tribal Heritage and Grizzly Bear Protection Act	2:00 pm
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**05/16/2019**

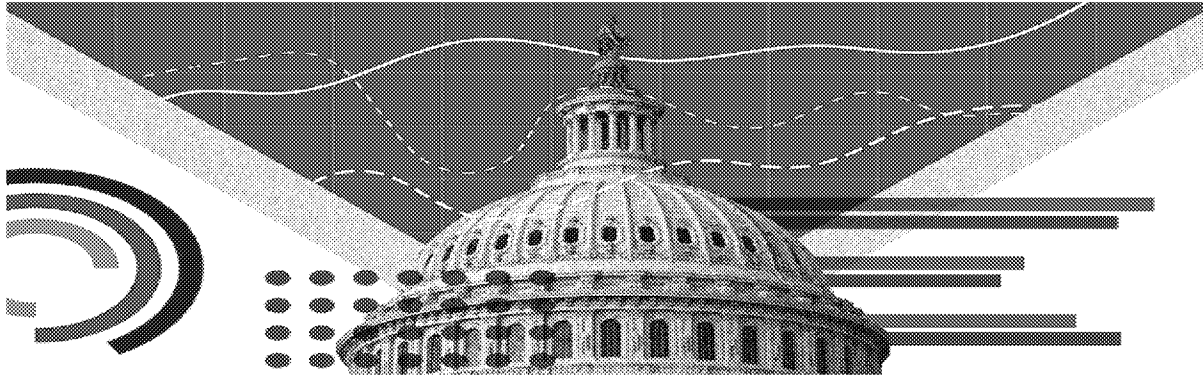
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission open meeting	10:00 am
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House Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee Hearing on Oil and Gas Development: Impacts of Water Pollution Above and Below Ground	10:00 am
Bipartisan Policy Center Event: EPA's Role in Building Critical Infrastructure	10:00 am
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Hearing to Examine CCUS and to Receive Testimony on Legislation	10:00 am
Senate Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather Subcommittee Hearing on Atmospheric Science Research and Forecasting Innovation	10:00 am
Energy Department and Nuclear Energy Institute Atomic Wings Event on Advanced Manufacturing and Nuclear Energy Applications	11:30 pm
Atlantic Council Event: The Future of Energy Storage	12:00 pm
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House Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee Hearing Examining the President's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Geological Survey	2:00 pm
House Science, Space and Technology Hearing on the Future of Forecasting	2:00 pm
U.S. Energy Association Briefing on CCUS Deployment	2:00 pm
Stanford University Environmental Forum with David J. Vogel	3:30 pm

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## Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

- 1) [A Radical, Enron-Era Measure Revived as Fires Burn Power Giants](#)  
Mark Chediak, Bloomberg
- 2) [E.P.A. Leaders Disregarded Agency's Experts in Issuing Asbestos Rule, Memos Show](#)  
Lisa Friedman, The New York Times
- 3) [U.S. solar hits 2 million installations, will double in four years](#)  
Nichola Groom, Reuters
- 4) [Three Mile Island plant, site of nuclear accident, to close](#)  
Marc Levy, The Associated Press
- 5) [Anadarko Says It Now Favors Occidental Bid Over Chevron](#)  
Clifford Krauss, The New York Times
- 6) [Occidental Faces Investors After Anadarko Win Hits Shares](#)  
Kevin Crowley et al., Bloomberg

**7) California to ban controversial pesticide, citing effects on child brain development**

Brady Dennis and Juliet Eilperin, The Washington Post

**8) The partisan gulf in Congress's focus on climate change**

Philip Bump, The Washington Post

**9) U.S. energy consumption, production, and exports reach record highs in 2018**

U.S. Energy Information Administration

**10) States and companies ramp up clean energy targets**

Amy Harder and Chris Canipe, Axios



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